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Sir:

The applicants believe that the reasons for allowance of claims 2, 6 and 13 given by the Examiner, in the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed 10 November 2003, are at least subject to misinterpretation.

In the reasons for allowance of claim 2, the Examiner refers to "a single controllable polarization rotating medium" and "a single polarizing beam splitter," while the claim itself refers to "a controllable polarization rotating medium" and "a polarizing beam splitting surface," without using the word "single." The claim should not be construed as if it contained the language used by the Examiner in the reasons for allowance.

In the reasons for allowance for claim 6, the Examiner does not mention the optical filtering means described in item (ii) of claim 6. It may not be the case that, in the absence of this limitation, the prior art does not describe the method of claim 6.

In the reasons for allowance of claim 13, the Examiner refers to "the medium being selected to compensate for a hysteresis phenomenon," while the claim describes an electrostatic field selected to compensate for a hysteresis phenomenon. The claim

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